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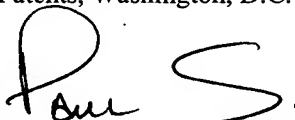
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the July 16, 2002 communication requesting that the Applicants identify and elect a species for prosecution. Six species have been identified in the office action.

This application is a 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/394,027 now U.S. Patent No. 6,360,487. Claims 1-9, 16, 17, 19, 20, 29 and 30 are pending in the application, many of these claims being originally filed in that parent case.

The office action identifies six possible species and requests the Applicants to elect one. The applicants traverse the election requirement, because there does not seem to be a "serious burden on the examiner" to review the pending claims, as required by MPEP §803.01.

Nevertheless, the Applicants elect what has been identified as species I (FIGS. 1-9). Claims 1-7, 9, 17, 20, 29 and 39 are readable thereon. The office action states that no claims are generic, however, that indication is respectfully traversed. Claims 1-3, 7, 29 and 30 are generic to the identified species.

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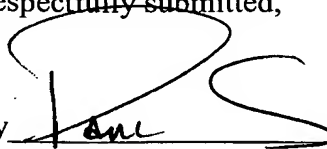
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If the examiner would like to discuss the election or the genericness of the identified claims, please feel free to contact the below-signed representative.

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